information about illegal recruitment the protectors of Emigrants at Trivandrum and Madras carried out search at the places concerned with the help of local police. Incriminating documents were seized in the course of the search. One person was arrested and he has been remanded to judicial custody for 12 days.

Provident Fund arrears not deposited by employers

567. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Provident Fund arrears of employees, which has not so far been deposited by employers as on 15th December, 1989; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to compel industrialists to deposit the same?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI. RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) According to available information, the total amount of provident fund arrears as on 31st March, 1989 was Rs. 217.83 crores as per break-up given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Unexempted establishments	88.27
Exempted establishments	129.56
TOTAL	217.83

(b) The EPF authorities are generally taking the following steps for realisation of the outstanding dues:—

(i) Issuing of Revenue Recovery Certificates under Section 8 of the EPF Act;

(ii) Filing of prosecutions under Section 14 of the EPF Act;

(iii) Filing, of complaints under section 406/409 IPC for non-payment of employees' share of contribution deducted from the wages of their employees.

(iv) Levying of damages under section 14B of the EPF Act for belated payments.

Registration for DDA Flats

568. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants registered with the DDA under the 1979 housing scheme who are still to be provided houses under MIG, LIG categories;

(b) whether DDA propose to start registration for new MIG/LIG schemes to ease housing shortage in Delhi; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a)

Category	No. of registrants awaiting allotment
MIG	26,892
LIG	40,418

(b) and (c) No Sir. It would not be desirable to start a new registrations-cheme before clearing the backlog.

Inhuman treatment to Indian maid in foreign countries

569. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indian women going as maid servants to Middle East countries like Kuwait and also European countries like England are subjected to inhuman treatment and are treated as slaves; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.